

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for splicing a fiber optic cable, the apparatus comprising:
 - a clamp for clamping a first portion of a first fiber optic cable;
 - a bail for connecting the clamp to a support structure;
 - a splice closure for splicing a second portion of the first fiber optic cable to a second fiber optic cable; and
 - means for connecting the splice closure to the bail.*
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bail comprises:
 - a metallic cable.
- ~~3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamp comprises:~~
 - a frame having first and second side plates, wherein each of the side plates defines a tapered groove; and
 - first and second wedges positioned in the side plate grooves.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the splice closure is positioned away from the clamp to maintain a minimum bend radius in the first fiber optic cable.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first fiber optic cable is an all-dielectric, self-supporting (ADSS) fiber optic cable.

6. A method of splicing a fiber optic cable, the method comprising the steps of:

applying a clamp to a first portion of a first fiber optic cable;

using a bail to connect the clamp to a support structure;

connecting a splice closure to the bail;

connecting an aerial splicing platform to the bail; and

splicing a second portion of the first fiber optic cable to a second fiber optic cable in the splice closure.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the splice closure is positioned away from the clamp to maintain a minimum bend radius in the first fiber optic cable.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the first fiber optic cable is an all-dielectric, self-supporting (ADSS) fiber optic cable.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the first fiber optic cable comprises:
an ADSS cable including a plurality of optical fibers which can be accessed
without severing the first fiber optic cable or requiring additional slack in the first
fiber optic cable to perform a splice.